President : It is a question of intention of Government.

Agreement with Messrs. Harvey and Co., re the Punalore Paper Mills.

110. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any agreement was entered into with Messrs. Harvey and Co., for handing over charge of the Punalore Paper Mills;

(*b*) if so, when the agreement was entered into;

(*c*) what are its terms; and

(*d*) whether they will lay a copy of the agreement on the table?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) Government have no information regarding the agreement, if any, that may have been entered into between the Punalore Paper Mills and Messrs. Harvey and company

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) in view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

Muslim Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

111. ***Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the number of places in the cadre of Sub-Assistant Surgeons in the Medical Department;

(*b*) the number of Muslim Sub-Assistant Surgeons;

(*c*) whether any qualified Muslim has applied for the post of a Sub-Assistant Surgeon; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative, will they be pleased to furnish a statement, by caste, of the number of appointments made in that cadre after the date of application of the Muslim candidate and the qualification of each so appointted?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : (*a*) 86.

(*b*) None.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A * Statement, by community is laid on the table.

Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : With reference to answer to part (*c*) may I know how many Muslims have applied?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : One.

Mr. Muhammed Ismail : May I know his qualifications?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : He is L. M. P.

Mr. T. Muhamed Ismail : May I know why this one Muslim applicant is not entertained even though 26 other appointments were made after his application?

Mr. K. P. Raman Pillai : The Public Service Commissioner did not recommend his name.

*Vide Appendix V—page 581.

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